

What collaboration tools have you used in your work environment or personal life? How have these information systems benefited you?

For several years now I have worked in supply chain or logistics. In order to survive in this work environment I have used many information systems. There are a great deal of systems dedicated to paying bills such as accounts payable that help us stay organized. There are endless amounts of information that as at the reach of our fingertips and systems like search engines also help us pull the data most beneficial to us. This might be the most common information system for a college student. Any time we want to begin our research we typically turn to google, yahoo, or one of the many other search engines. The book also uses something comparable to Orbitz in which, we can search flights or vacation packages at a much faster rate and eliminating useless information at the same time. I am eager to see what the future brings as technology advances. Only twenty years ago a college student had to go to a library and search through dozens of books to find the information they needed. Today that information can be obtained at the speed of your modem or broadband speed.

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I am part of a team that develops new products and services for the bank I work at. We use go-to-meeting frequently because I am at a different location than my team.

The application has helped cut down on my travel time and expense reports. But I feel the bigger plus is we can plan a meeting and add it to a calendar or if there is something critical we can all jump on a call get the spreadsheet up and talk immediately about the issue or concern. Knowing they are all looking at the same document on my screen ensures that there is no out dated information being used.

Being a trainer I also use go to webinar but that is not a collaboration tool, more of a remote classroom and a way to deliver information without having to come to a classroom. Equally as helpful in my job though.